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Monday it took just 130 minutes to close out 300 gowns in one style alone; Tuesday similar records were made; on new styles have just been added to the range of garments on the special bargain tables—six styles at 25c, five at 35c. A hurried invoice shows an average of over two hundred garments in each style. It won't be too many.

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GRAND OPERA HOUSE

NOW SAID TO BE FIREPROOF

Inspector Stanley Pronounces

Playhouse Safe—Stand Pipes

Will Be in To-Night.

ANNUAL REPORT READY

The improvements recommended for the Grand Opera House by Building Inspector Stanley have been completed. The theater was inspected yesterday morning by Stanley and pronounced safe. While the work of putting in the standpipes has not been completed it is being rushed, and the pipes will be in place by to-night.

Mr. Stanley is now engaged in inspecting the electric wiring system in the theater. Many fires are caused by defective wiring, and everything possible will be done to prevent this in Indianapolis. The wiring in all Indianapolis theaters will be inspected.

The department stores of the city will be thoroughly inspected by Stanley. Several of the big downtown stores are unsafe, and in case a fire would start, it is probable many lives would be lost in the rush to escape if the stores were crowded.

The annual report of the building inspector will be completed in a few days. It will contain many valuable suggestions for the improvement of big buildings in the city, and outline a plan whereby all buildings erected in the future may be made practically fireproof.

Cartoonist to Lecture.

Mr. Homer Davenport, the well-known cartoonist, will address the Contemporary Club on Friday evening of this week on the subject of "Cartoons," with illustrations by himself. The reception committee will consist of Dr. and Mrs. Lafayette, Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Elder and Mr. Lee Noble.

New Pianos, \$100 and up. Walschner's.

ARMY POST WILL NOT INCLUDE THE CEMETERY

All Obstacles Now Removed and Its Immediate Location Is Assured for Indianapolis.

CHEATHAM IS PLEASED

Surveys Have Almost All Been Completed by Engineer Detailed by War Department.

Those interested in the location of the army post near the city are much pleased over the news received from Washington announcing that the controversy over the cemetery, which for a time cast a sinister doubt as to the location here, has been brought to an end by Secretary of War Root directing the quartermaster general to close the deal for the purchase of the land, eliminating the tract of three acres included in the cemetery.

The way is now practically open for the War Department to proceed with the construction of the post. Orders were issued from the War Department yesterday to Captain Cheatham, who is in Indianapolis, to pay all the property owners the price specified in the contract drawn up by Dyer & Raessman last year.

The two obstacles which delayed the acquisition of the land for so long are now thought to be out of the way. The cemetery will not be disturbed and as far as the purpose of the government is concerned will not be included in the army post site. In the case of John Roberts, who made an agreement to sell his land for \$30,000, but who now asks an additional sum of \$5,000, it is thought the surplus will be made up by public spirited citizens of the city, who recognize the advantages accruing from the location of the site on the outskirts of the city.

Assurances have already been made looking to the subscription needed to offset the additional price asked by Mr. Roberts. Before the army post matter was referred to the secretary of war a meeting of the Board of Trade and the Commercial Club was held and plans were made for the raising of the money required.

CITIZENS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

However, the matter was left at rest until Secretary Root should give his decision, but it is now expected that another meeting of the two organizations will be held shortly and the original plans carried out. Should it be impossible to raise the additional sum by subscription, condemnation proceedings will be brought against Mr. Roberts. In this case the improvement tract will be delayed for a year or more.

Although the cemetery has been eliminated from the site, it is as far as the government is concerned, the officials in time expect to acquire it. All roads to the cemetery will be cut off and no burials will be permitted in the cemetery.

As soon as Captain Cheatham completes the final negotiations for the land the secretary of war will forward estimates to the department and the improvement of the land will begin at once. The quartermaster general has prepared elaborate plans for the construction of the post, involving an expenditure of \$400,000. The effort will be made to secure the appropriation at the coming session of Congress. The post will be full regimental army post, at which about 1,000 soldiers will be located.

Captain Cheatham said last night that he was much pleased with the news from Washington. He said that since the land had been selected work has been carried on there towards the location of the post. The surveys have been completed and a temporary plan of building location has been prepared.

GOOSE CLUB ORGANIZES.

South Bend Society Incorporates for Social Development.

For the development of good-fellowship and the further study of literature and science, the Goose Pasture Club was organized at South Bend, Ind. The club was incorporated with the secretary of state yesterday. The directors are Fred Rootier, Thomas Burger, Joseph Steinkohl, William Buhler, Andrew Huber and Fred Natlicht.

Another social club to incorporate from South Bend is the Elmhurst Night Club. Its directors are A. B. Elmhurst, Henry Clays, Victor Van Laecke, Emil Doppelbecker and The Vincennes Citizens' Street-railway Company filed papers increasing its capital stock from \$15,000 to \$100,000. The amount of the stock represented in Indiana is \$10,000.

USE AN INTERPRETER.

German Foreigners Take Examination Through Medium.

Room 12 was crowded all day yesterday with young fellows of this and other States to take the semi-annual examination for certificates to practice.

Among the number of candidates were three German graduates from foreign colleges and three German midwives who hold diplomas from German institutions. For these it was necessary to employ interpreters, especially for the women, who could neither read nor write word of English.

J. R. Norrell, from Richmond, was the only negro applicant. The examination will continue through to-day and to-morrow. Twenty-five dentists in the corridors of the State chamber tried the examination for the license. One woman aspired to wield the drill.

SEEKS KIDNAPED SON.

South Dakota Mother Says Boy Was Stolen Seven Years Ago.

Superintendent Kruger, of the police department, yesterday received a letter from Mrs. L. E. Pierce, of Pierre, S. D., asking that he locate her boy, who she said, was kidnapped seven years ago and brought to this city. She said that her son was kidnapped by a nurse girl named O'Neil, employed by her, and that she traced them as far as Chicago, and later learned that they were in Indianapolis. Superintendent Kruger, through the police and detective departments, will investigate the woman's story and locate her boy if possible. The superintendent wrote to her yesterday, asking for full particulars of the kidnapping and a description of the woman who is under suspicion.

IF WORK IS NOT DONE DEPOSIT GOES TO CITY

It is probable that the contractors who have been bidding on city contracts and, after the contract has been awarded them, finding they will be unable to make sufficient profit, let the contract go by default, will learn that the certified checks they deposited with their bid will go to the city. Mayor Holtzman is in favor of the plan and it probably will be adopted.

GERMAN CLASS GROWING.

Prof. Colby's Five Weeks' Course Becoming Popular.

Nearly forty people have joined Prof. Colby's classes in the Y. M. C. A., and others are doing so at each lesson. Classes meet at 11 P. M. at 12 P. M. and 8 P. M. each day and the person who cannot learn to speak German there must be dull, indeed. German in five weeks is a success, under Prof. Colby's magic teaching. Visitors are welcome to-day or to-morrow. Investigate at once.

TO TEST THE VALIDITY OF APPORTIONMENT LAW

Cases Filed in Dearborn and Boone Counties by Democrats—White and O'Brien Plaintiffs.

OFFICERS DEFENDANTS

Ask Court to Declare Law Unconstitutional and to Prevent Holding of Election.

In the Circuit Court of Dearborn and Boone counties yesterday the Democrats of the State filed complaints questioning the constitutionality of the apportionment law passed by the last Legislature. County Chairman James A. White is the plaintiff in the suit filed in the Circuit Court of Boone county and W. H. O'Brien, chairman of the Democratic State committee, appears as the plaintiff in the suit filed in Dearborn county. With the exceptions of the names of the plaintiffs the two suits are similar.

The courts are asked to declare the act of the Legislature of 1903 unconstitutional and to restrain the officers named from holding an election of senators and representatives. It is claimed by the Democrats that the act is unconstitutional inasmuch as it conflicts with the fourth and fifth sections of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State.

Sheriff John Axy, John Ulrich, clerk, and Charles M. Benkamp are the defendants named in the suit filed in Boone county, and Harry Rump, sheriff, Howard J. North, clerk, and James Carson, auditor of Ohio county, are made defendants in the suit, because, under the act of 1903, the two counties are joined in a representative district.

By the law of 1903 Dearborn county had a representative of its own.

In the complaint the validity of the law of 1903 is asserted, and the act of 1903 is attacked as being unconstitutional. The court is asked to declare the new law unconstitutional and to enjoin the officers named in the complaint from holding an election for representative under the complaint. The act of 1903 is characterized in the complaint as being "a flagrant contempt of the Constitution."

SWEENEY IS AGAIN PRESIDENT OF BOARD

Officers for the Ensuing Year Are Elected—Many Heavy Bills Allowed.

At the meeting of the School Board last night the following officers were elected: President, A. M. Sweeney; secretary, Frank Reiser; attorney Frank Baker. The vice president will be elected at the next meeting.

The resignation of Isaac Tacama, teacher in the schools, was accepted by the board. Miss Adele Starke, German teacher, was granted a leave of absence and Louise Leke was appointed teacher in the elementary grades. Bills amounting to \$34,000 were allowed.

Superintendent Kendall told the members of the board that Professor Thomas, of Shortridge High School, wanted the use of the Shortridge school building for the summer school during June and July. No action was taken, as the school is probably the request will be granted.

WORK AND MUSIC.

Veteran Legion Installs Officers and Renders Programme.

Encampment No. 59, of the Union Veteran Legion, held a public installation of officers at its hall in the Pearson, on North Delaware street, last night and a good musical programme was given in connection with the installation exercises. A quartet composed of Dr. B. A. Richardson, S. E. Richardson, R. H. Munson and J. H. Cost gave a number of good selections. Miss Maudie Cunningham was the piano accompanist.

The following officers were installed: Colonel, Thomas J. Garrard; lieutenant colonel, James Balesley; major, Aaron McStee; surgeon, C. T. Bedford; officer of the day, J. B. Hulse; quartermaster, George G. Long; chaplain, A. B. Miller; officer of the guard, E. Marquis; sergeant major, John Rieman, Indianapolis; J. B. Harfield, Indianapolis; F. B. Alley, Indianapolis; A. T. Burr, Indianapolis.

TRIES SUICIDE AND FAILS.

Grace Ray, living at 548 East Court street, attempted to end her life last night by taking a large dose of carbolic acid, but her object was discovered by her friends and she was saved. Her mouth and throat were severely burned by the poison. Dr. Jeffries, of the City Dispensary, attended the woman.

DEATHS NOT ABOVE AVERAGE.

There are many cases of pneumonia in Indianapolis and within the last day six deaths were reported from the disease. The city sanitarian says the number of cases is not above the usual average for this season of the year.

THIEVES GET SHOES AND GUNS.

Burglars broke into the Guarantee tire and bicycle store, at 308 South Illinois street, early yesterday morning, and stole about fifteen revolvers. The police were notified, but up to the present time they have been unable to locate the thieves.

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To Collect \$5,000 Insurance

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29 and 31 West Washington St.

STAY WITH "OLD FOLKS,"

ADVICE TO FARMER BOYS

Department of Instruction De-

plores Migration of Indiana

Lads to Cities.

HEAVY LOSS TO STATE

The State department of public instruction

is trying to check the steady migration of the Indiana farmer boy to the cities. In a bulletin issued to the teachers of Indiana the department declares that the State is gradually being sapped of its energies by the movement, and it says that the teacher alone can influence the lad to remain at home.

The fact that every year thousands of boys from the rural districts of Indiana go to the city searching for "better chances" is deplored by the board. The advice given to the boy is, beware of Chicago, St. Louis and the other larger cities of the West. They are admonished to stay with the "old folks" and keep away from the pitfalls of the city.

One of the statements made in the bulletin is: "It will be a sad day for our national life when the young farmers come to town; when the small, well-cultivated homesteads give way to landed estates."

To Teach German in Five Weeks.

Prof. Irving Colby, of New York, yesterday began his five-weeks' course in German at the Young Men's Christian Association on North Illinois street. Prof. Colby's method by which he guarantees to teach his pupils German in twenty-five lessons, is modern and simple, embodying exclusively the practical instruction without a minute study of the grammar laws. The course will consist of one hour's instruction five days a week.

Almost fifty persons have joined Prof. Colby's classes. Students will not be admitted to the course unless they have completed a minute study of the grammar laws. The course will consist of one hour's instruction five days a week.

Teach Physical Culture Science.

A normal course in the theory of physical training, which was started in the Young Men's Christian Association a few weeks ago is satisfying a real need. Instruction is given in the science of training followed by practical demonstration in the gymnasium. The practical floor work consists of light and heavy gymnastics, fancy Indian club swinging and sparring. A. K. Jones, the physical director, is the instructor.

A fencing class has been started under the direction of Prof. Nestor Lemair, formerly master of arms of the French army. This class meets on Friday nights. Private instruction is given at the fencing school in the association building during the week.

Special instruction in athletics will be given on Friday nights. This will begin this week.

Will Hold Annual Meeting.

The annual congregational meeting of the Central Christian Church will be held to-morrow evening in the parlors of the church at Delaware and Walnut streets. John S. Duncan, president of the board of trustees, will preside. Reports of the past year's work in all departments will be read and refreshments served.

The Rev. J. B. Phipps, pastor of the church, said last night that last year was the most successful year in the history of the church. About 200 new members have been enrolled in the church and the sum of \$10,000 was raised by subscriptions.

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WASSON'S

A Memorable Sale of Silks

A VERY heavy shipment of Foulard Silks added to the already immense silk stock

makes this sale of additional importance. No matter how bad the weather—the silk section is crowded with buyers, for bargain news spreads quickly.

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